

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE  
GEORGIA BOARD OF ATHLETIC TRAINERS  
BOARD RULE CHAPTER 53.3. LICENSURE BY EXAMINATION, BOARD  
RULE 53-3-.05. LICENSURE FOR MILITARY SPOUSES AND  
TRANSITIONING SERVICE MEMBERS AND BOARD RULE 53-3-.06.  
LICENSURE FOR ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY AND TRANSITIONING  
SERVICE MEMBERS.  
AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**RULE 53-3-.05. LICENSURE FOR MILITARY SPOUSES AND TRANSITIONING  
SERVICE MEMBERS  
RULE 53-3-.06. LICENSURE FOR ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY AND  
TRANSITIONING SERVICE MEMBERS.**

**TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES:**

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the authority set forth below, the Georgia Board of Athletic Trainers (hereinafter “Board”) proposes an amendment to Rule 53-3-.05. Licensure for Military Spouses and Transitioning Services Members and Rule 53-3-.06. Licensure for Active Duty Military and Transitioning Service Members (herein after “proposed rule”).

This notice, an exact copy of the proposed rule, and a synopsis of the proposed rule are being sent to all persons who have requested, in writing, to be included on a notification list. This notice, an exact copy of the proposed rule, and a synopsis of the proposed rule may also be reviewed during normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except official State holidays, at the Office of the Secretary of State, Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217. The documents will also be available for review on the Board’s website at <https://sos.ga.gov/page/athletic-trainers-board-rules-and-laws>. Copies may also be requested by contacting the Board office at (844) 753-7825.

The public will have an opportunity to comment upon and provide input into the proposed rule amendment at a public hearing to be held at 1:30 p.m. on November 14, 2022 in the Office of the Secretary of State, Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217. If the Board office remains closed due to the public health emergency (COVID-19), the hearing will be held via Zoom. Please see Board’s website for information on how to join the meeting via Zoom.

Interested parties affected by the rule may submit written comments to the Board no later than close of business on November 7, 2022. Written comments must be legible, signed, contain contact information from the maker (address, telephone number, email address), and addressed to Gabriel Sterling, Interim Division Director, Secretary of State, Professional Licensing Boards Division, [Georgia Board of Athletic Trainers 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217. Written comments may be faxed to (866) 888-9718.

During the public hearing, anyone may present data, make a statement, comment, or offer a viewpoint or argument, whether orally or in writing. Lengthy statements or statements of a considerable technical or economic nature, as well as previously recorded messages, must be submitted for the official record. Oral statements will be limited to five (5) minutes per person.

The Board voted to post this Notice of Intent at its meeting on June 6, 2022. The Board also voted that the formulation and adoption of this rule amendment does not impose an excessive regulatory cost on any licensee, and any cost to comply with the proposed rule amendment cannot be reduced by a less expensive alternative that fully accomplishes the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-7, 43-1-25, 43-1-34, 43-1-34.1, 43-5-6 and 43-5-9. Additionally, the Board voted that it was neither legal nor feasible in meeting the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-7, 43-1-25, 43-1-34, 43-1-34.1, 43-5-6 and 43-5-9 to adopt or implement differing actions for businesses as listed in O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4(a)(3)(A), (B), (C) and (D). The formulation and adoption of these rules will impact every licensee in the same manner and each licensee is independently licensed in the athletic training.

According to the Department of Law of the State of Georgia, the Georgia Board of Athletic Training has the authority to adopt proposed Rule 53-3-.05. Licensure for Military Spouses and Transitioning Services Members and Rule 53-3-.06. Licensure for Active Duty Military and Transitioning Service Members pursuant to authority contained in O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-7, 43-1-25, 43-1-34, 43-1-34.1, 43-5-6 and 43-5-9.

For further information, contact the Board office at (404) 424-9966.

This notice is given in compliance with O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4.

This the 5<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2022.



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Gabriel Sterling  
Interim Division Director  
Professional Licensing Boards Division

Posted: 10/5/2022

**SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED CHANGES OF TO THE  
GEORGIA BOARD OF ATHLETIC TRAINERS RULES  
RULE 53-3-.05**

**Purpose:** The purpose of this rule amendment is to align the language in the rule with the language in O.C.G.A. § 43-1-34.1. The amendments further clarify what is required of a spouse of a military or transitioning military service member when applying for a license in the State of Georgia.

**Rule 53-3-.05 Licensure for Military Spouses and Spouses of Transitioning Service Members**

- (1) A military spouse or spouse of a transitioning service member, as defined in O.C.G.A. § 43-1-34, is deemed eligible to apply for an expedited licensure process by endorsement if the applicant:
  - (a) Has submitted a complete application along with a fee in the amount established by the Board; and,
  - (b) Is a spouse of a service member or transitioning service member stationed within this state; and, entitled to an athletic trainer's license by possessing the qualifications enumerated in Code Section 43-5-8 and has not committed an act which constitutes grounds for denial of a license under Code Section 43-5-10.
  - (c) Holds a current license to practice as an athletic trainer in another state for which the training, experience, and testing are substantially similar in qualifications and scope to the requirements under this state; and,
  - (d) Is in good standing in such other state.
- (2) ~~If the applicant has held a license in another state, jurisdiction or territory, t~~The applicant must submit verification of each license held in another state.
- (3) The Board may request further verification of any credential submitted to ~~include specialty, certification, training, or experience in the military while a service member which substantially meets or exceeds the requirements to obtain a license in this state~~prove military service of the spouse who is serving in or transitioning out of the military.
- (4) Nothing contained in this Code section shall be construed to invalidate, override, or amend any licensing compact entered into by the State of Georgia.

**Authority:** O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-7, 43-1-25, 43-1-34.1, 43-5-6, and 43-5-9.

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  - (d) Is in good standing in such other state.
- (2) The applicant must submit verification of each license held in another state.
- (3) The Board may request further verification of any credential submitted to prove military service of the spouse who is serving in or transitioning out of the military.
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**SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED CHANGES OF TO THE  
GEORGIA BOARD OF ATHLETIC TRAINERS RULES  
RULE 53-3-.06**

**Purpose:** The purpose of this new rule is to establish alignment with the requirements outlined in O.C.G.A. § 43-1-34 as it relates to active duty military and transitioning service members. The new rule makes it easier for active duty military or transitioning military service members to understand that which is required of them when applying for an athletic trainer license in the State of Georgia.

**Rule 53-3-.06. Licensure for Active Duty Military and Transitioning Service Members.**

- (1) An active duty military or transitioning service member, as defined in O.C.G.A. § 43-1-34, is deemed eligible to apply for an expedited licensure process if the applicant:
  - (a) Has submitted a complete application along with a fee in the amount established by the Board; and,
  - (b) Holds a license from another state for which the training, experience, and testing substantially meet or exceed the requirements to obtain licensure in this state, or has obtained a specialty, certification, training, or experience in the military while a service member which substantially meets or exceeds the requirements to obtain
  - (c) a license in this state.
- (2) If the applicant has held a license in another state, jurisdiction or territory, the applicant must submit verification of each license.
- (3) Nothing contained in this Code section shall be construed to invalidate, override, or amend any licensing compact entered into by the State of Georgia.

**Authority:** O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-7, 43-1-25, 43-1-34, 43-5-6, and 43-5-9.

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  - (c) a license in this state.
- (2) If the applicant has held a license in another state, jurisdiction or territory, the applicant must submit verification of each license.
- (3) Nothing contained in this Code section shall be construed to invalidate, override, or amend any licensing compact entered into by the State of Georgia.

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**SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED CHANGES OF TO THE  
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RULE 53-4-.03**

**Purpose:** The purpose of this rule amendment is to establish alignment between the rule and the requirements set forth by the Joint Secretary by rule or policy as of August 1, 2020. As the authority to establish the timeframes for the validity of an application resides with the Joint Secretary, the amendment further ensures that the Board rule will not require amending each time the Joint Secretary rules or policies are amended.

**Rule 53-4-.03 Application**

- (1) Each candidate for licensure by reciprocity must file a written application on a form which will be furnished by the Board upon request. The application form must be filled out in its entirety, must include all relevant documents and fees. (See Fee Schedule)
- (2) The applicant shall direct either the state board to send to the Georgia Board an official verification of licensure or NATA to send to the Georgia Board an official verification of registration.
- (3) ~~An application must be complete within six months of the date the first document was received by the Board. Any application not completed within this period will become void. Any consideration of licensure after that date will require the applicant to submit a new application, new documents, and the appropriate fee.~~ All applications for licensure must be complete within the timeframe indicated in the Joint Secretary Rules and/or policies. All applications not completed within this designated timeframe shall be considered “expired” and withdrawn. Following expiration of an application, a new application in its entirety, to include all required fees, shall be required for consideration of licensure.
- (4) Once an application is reviewed by the Board, no refund of the application fee shall be issued.

**Authority:** O.C.G.A. §§ § 43-1-7, 43-1-25, 43-5-6, and 43-5-9.

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